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IT was but Yesterday, as it were, that Addresses were solicited all over the Kingdom, in Honour of the Wonders of *Dettingen*, and the happy Termination of a Campaign which had prov'd so glorious to the Allies, by the driving the *French* out of *Germany*, and the braving them on their own Frontier: And to Day, according to *Butler*'s humorous Expression,

'He that, e'er while, was great as *Cæsar*,
'Is now reduc'd to *Nebuchadnezar*.

Our Laurels are already wither'd, our Hearts die within us, and *Lives* and *Fortunes* are the only Cordial that can keep us from giving up the Ghost.

Thus, as upon a Demise of the Crown, our *Addressors* pay their Court with Grief in one Hand, and Joy in the other; they now reverse that Practice, and complement with Joy in one Hand, and Grief in the other.

How melancholy, how mortifying a Change? And how plainly does it indicate, that either our present Panic, or late Triumph, had but a very slender Foundation?

Let us pursue this Reflection a little farther.

It is not much above a Year, since we were told by our Politicians of the first Rank, that *France* was so exhausted and empoverish'd by her late Exploits, that we might, not only with Safety, undertake to draw her Teeth and pare her Nails, but with Certainty of Success in the Operation.

Upon this Principle, which was urg'd with that dictatorial Air, which will not admit of Disputation, which cannot bear Contradiction, we neglected the *People's War*, which these very Politicians, had once patroniz'd with as much Zeal, as if the very Being of the Nation depended on it, and madly embroil'd ourselves in a Land-War on the Continent; not only without the Concurrence of the *Dutch*, but against their express Inclination; and in Contempt of the Gospel Queries, Whether with Ten Thousand, we could conquer Twenty Thousand? Or whether, when we had form'd our political Plan, our Cash would hold out to finish the Edifice.

It is true the then Undertaker, in St. *S*——'s C——l, was pleased to declare, That, unless the *States* co-operated, we ought to withdraw our Forces, and intrench ourselves within our Island: But his Credit faded with his Power, and as little Trace remain'd of his Engagement as of his Virtue.

Our Ideas became soon more elevated, our Projects more extensive, and our Expectations more sanguine: From Schemes of barely humbling *France*, we flatter'd ourselves with a Notion of conquering *France*. The Splendours of *Agincourt*, *Cressy*, and *Poictiers*, to say nothing of *Malplaquet*, *Ramellies*, and *Blenheim*, were, in Imagination, already eclips'd, and Fancy presented a second *French* Monarch in Chains at our Feet.

Dunkirk was the least of our ideal Conquests, *Alsace* and *Lorrain* were held such trifling Spoils as to be scarce worth picking up: Even *Paris* itself was expected to yield to our victorious Arms; and Wagers were *advertis'd*, that before the Summer was out, our Triumphs at *Rheims*, would equal *Alexander's* at *Babilon*.

Nor were we content with all these rapid Successes on this Side of the *Alps*, our Influence was to be prov'd as great, and our Genius as invincible on the other: The Two *Sicilies*, at least, were to reward the Queen of *Hungary* for the generous Sacrifice which, at our Instance, she had made of *Silesia*: And as no one *Frenchman* was to find his Way home from *Prague*, so no one *Spaniard* was to make his Escape out of *Italy*.

Well, agreeable to these lofty Conceptions, we embark'd our own Troops, I should say a Part of them, we hir'd Mercenaries; and then, as if Moderation was the true Heroism, we not only spar'd poor, helpless *France*, now suppos'd to be at our Mercy, but march'd into *Germany*, tho' with as much Politeness, as if a Gentleman-Usher had been our Commander in Chief: Instead of levying Contributions, we paid our Money for all we wanted; we gave the Emperor to understand, he had nothing to apprehend from us; and when the *French* made their Approaches (who, it was thought, we were in Quest of, with a pious Design to divert them from any longer wasting their Wealth, and throwing away their Lives, in the remotest Parts of the Empire) we most prudently retreated; that it might not be said, *That we were the Aggressors*.

Unfortunately, indeed, the *French* were to the full as rude as we were Complaisant, and resolv'd to do in Earnest, what we had only dream'd of doing. In short, they hunted us into the Toils; we made a Shift to break thro'; and had the Address to turn an Escape into a Victory.

But here again a new Fit of Moderation got hold of us: We could not bear to shed the Blood even of an Enemy; nor would be prevail'd on to make the most of an Advantage, which, like Honour to *Falstaff*, came thus unlook'd for.

However, tho' we shew'd all this Compassion abroad, we were not, as yet, in the Humour to shew any at home. Tho' we triumph'd over *France*, our Contributions, as it was foretold in this Paper, were to be rais'd here. Thus the Success, which was owing to Providence only and the Intrepedity of our Troops, our Ministers modestly arrogated to themselves. It was a Proof of the Rectitude of their Measures; of the Superiority of their Understanding: Of the Almightiness of *Great Britain*, and the Debility of *France:* And to put all this out of Doubt, they resolv'd to pursue their hopeful Projects without the Assistance, scarce the Countenance of our Allies; and, in a Manner, to place the whole Burden of the War upon ourselves: Nay, so highly did they presume on their own Abilities, and such a thorough Contempt did they manifest for the Power of *France*, that they took upon them to canton out *Italy*, after their own good Pleasure, as they had done the Dominions of *Prussia* formerly: And, provided they continued to have the Wealth and Strength of *England*, at their Devotion, they seem'd to be under no Pain for any other Event.

But however tame and tractable they found their Fellow-Subjects, *France* rous'd herself, when it was least expected, and in a Manner they dreaded most: The immediate Consequence of which was, that their Dream vanish'd, their Bubble broke, and in the first Transports of their Terror and Distraction, the grand Secret escap'd, that *France* was still mighty enough to be still formidable; and that, instead of rescuing other Nations out of her dreadful Hand, they thought their utmost Efforts would scarce provide for the Security of their own.

Poor *England*, which was safe and fearless in the late War, with less than 10,000 disciplin'd Troops, when *Dunkirk* was in all its Pride and Glory, under their Administration, trembled with the bare Rumour of an intended Invasion, tho' at that very Instant guarded with above 25,000.

No, not these 25,000, nor the new Levies they had it in their Power to raise, nor the additional Help which they might have had from the MILITIA, nor the near Neighbourhood of our victorious Army in *Flanders*, were now, it seems, held sufficient for our Preservation, without the Assistance of SIX THOUSAND DUTCH.

If any Persons are curious to know why we chose to rely on these *Dutch* Auxiliaries, rather than our own gallant Troops, who distinguished themselves so gloriously at *Dettingen?* Let them ask *that Man* who, a few Years ago, stifled the Enquiry into the State of *Dunkirk*, who would not suffer it to be call'd a Port, in Contradiction to the Evidence of our own *Custom-house* Authorities, and to whose Account chiefly, the present exorbitant Power of *France* is to be plac'd; and he shall have the prodigious Assurance to tell them, That these gallant Troops of ours, were so flung with the Insults and Injuries they had received from the *H——ns*, and so exasperated with the Prospect of being *kept under* yet another Campaign, that they were not to be TRUSTED with the Defence of their own Country.

It happen'd, however, that the Situation of these very Troops was the most lucky imaginable to defeat the Invasion which was so grievously apprehended: For it is scarce possible to make such a Disposition of our Forces on Shore, if they were ever so numerous, as to hinder an Enemy from Landing, who has the free Use of the Sea: But an Embarkation from *Ostend* might have almost kept Pace with an Embarkation from *Dunkirk*; and might have held the same Course: So that the very same Port which had receiv'd the Invader, had likewise receiv'd the Deliverer. A Discovery, which our great Politicians seem, at last, to have made: For, it is now said, That Ten Battalions of those Forces are order'd to hold themselves in Readiness to embark; and that a certain Number of Transports have been dispatch'd to wait their Motions.

Now this very Circumstance alone is sufficient to shake the Credit of the Invasion. The Ministers of *France* are not very famous for rash Measures; and tho' it is *possible* they might have made one desperate Push by way of Surprize, it is not very probable. For it is notorious, they would have receiv'd no Countenance here: On the contrary, they would have had the whole Nation to combat with; and what a Figure 15,000 of the best Troops in *Europe* would have made in such an Attempt, let Common Sense declare. Besides; are we not as yet Masters of the Sea? Could not we have instantly cut off their Communication with the Continent? Could not we have pour'd in what Troops we pleas'd, and where we pleas'd, from abroad? And consequently, could ever any one of these bold *Invaders* have return'd, to give an Account of the Reception they had met with?

But we have been apparently directed by our Fears, instead of our Reason; and have madly run from one Extreme to another. From having our Heads filled with idle Notions of conquering *France*, we can now dream of nothing but [illegible]

quer'd by *France*; and by ſhewing an apparent Diſtruſt of the People, we betray a Conſciouſneſs of having given them very ſenſible Provocations.

There is, beſides, as much Abſurdity, as Timidity in our Behaviour: For having inſulted and bully'd this mighty Neighbour of ours, and put the two Nations into a State of actual War, tho' ſtill under the Cover of a nominal Peace, it ſeems never to have once enter'd into our Thoughts, that the *French* would make the moſt of their preſent Situation, and endeavour, by all poſſible Means, to diſtreſs both us and our Allies: Having once ſeen their backs turn'd on *Germany*, we concluded all ſafe on this Side, and that their laſt Game would be the Preſervation of *Italy* from the Treaty of *Worms*; which we ſuppos'd, at the ſame Time, was entirely out of their Power.

How ſtrange a Conceit! To ſuppoſe that ſo wiſe a Court would endeavour to act where only it would be the moſt difficult for them to ſucceed? How reaſonable, on the contrary, to expect, that they would immediately change their Meaſures, and remove the Seat of War to a Country, at once more tender, and acceſſible; where Conqueſts may be made, and, I'm afraid, may be held; at leaſt, till an Opportunity offers to reſtore them, in Exchange for ſuch other Places as will ſerve to gratify their Allies?

We already ſee, that, weak and exhauſted as *France* has been repreſented, ſhe is not in a Humour to ſit down tamely and quietly, while the Houſe of *Bourbon* is driven out of *Italy*. Why, therefore, may we not conceive that all the *Breſt* and *Dunkirk* Preparations, were but a Feint to draw our Attention one way, while they made a vigorous Puſh another? Hath not this Feint already operated in a very natural, and notable Manner? Hath it not effectually open'd our Eyes with Reſpect to the ſuppoſ'd deplorable Condition of that enterprizing Kingdom? Hath it not, and will it not affect our public Credit; at leaſt with Reſpect to the Cheapneſs of raiſing Money? Hath it not frighten'd our Merchants, and thereby embarras'd and perplex'd, if not put a Stop to our Trade? Doth it not leave the Sea open to Privateers of all Sorts, and the Communication *free* between *Spain* and the *Indies*? Doth it not give the *Spaniards* Opportunity to make a ſecond Embarkation, and ſend it, like the Firſt, under the Convoy of four Men of War only, to *Italy*? Doth it not hinder us from ſupplying Admiral *Matthews* with Victuals, Stores, &c. which he hath ſo long wanted, and with the firſt of which, it is ſaid, he is provided but for this preſent Month of *March* only? Suppoſing him, therefore, to be victorious, would not he be oblig'd to quit his Station notwithſtanding, and leave *Italy* expos'd to the Pleaſure of the Enemy? Doth it not haraſs and bewilder both our Troops and our Meaſures at home? Doth it not prevent us from ſending over that vaſt Number of Recruits which are neceſſary to compleat our Corps abroad? Doth it not ſhock and confound our Allies? Doth it not, in a Manner, deprive them of our Aſſiſtance, ſince it appears we now ſtand in Need of our whole Strength, for our own Preſervation? Doth it not, therefore, ſquare in every Article with the Views of *France*, if directed againſt the BARRIER? Is there not good Reaſon to be afraid of ſome ſuch Deſign? Have they not fill'd all the Garriſon Towns, on that Side, with Troops? Have they not already provided vaſt Magazines of dry Forage? Have we, or our Allies made any Proviſions of that Nature? Are not moſt of the Fortifications, upon the *Auſtrian* Side, in the moſt deplorable Condition? Are not they almoſt deſtitute of Ordnance, Gunners, &c. In ſhort, if the *French* take the Field as early, as 'tis to be fear'd they may, what can hinder them from being Maſters of the neareſt Towns in *Flanders*, before the Allies can give them any material Interruption?

Upon the whole, tho' I am infinitely concern'd to find that all the Miſchiefs, which every true *Engliſhman* foreſaw and foretold, are now ready to fall upon us, I have not expos'd the Nakedneſs of my Country only to deride it: As we are in Fear of a *French* War, it is incumbent on us to defend it as vigorouſly as we can for our own Preſervation. I wiſh we were as able, as we are willing; I wiſh our Strength was equal to our Spirit: And that we had not *wantonly*, and *unneceſſarily* ſquander'd away that mighty Maſs of Wealth, which, if properly employ'd, had made us both the Envy and Terror of the World.

However, as we are like to ſmart for our Extravagance, and can no longer diſguiſe the Miſchiefs it hath brought upon us; I hope that Experience, which is even a Tutor to Fools, will prompt us to guard againſt the like profligate Meaſures, for the Time to come.

Every body muſt be ſenſible, that certain popular Laws are as neceſſary for the Security of our happy *Conſtitution* againſt the Encroachments of our *Miniſters*, as Men and Money, for the Defence of the preſent *happy Eſtabliſhment* againſt the Deſigns of the *French*.

Let us then unite in obtaining the *firſt*, as well as granting the *laſt*. Let us prove ourſelves equally good Subjects and Lovers of our Country. And let us depend upon it, that, if we let ſlip this Opportunity, we ſhall never be favour'd with ſuch another.

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FRANCE.

Verſailles, *Feb.* 26. The King has cauſed it to be declared to the foreign Miniſters, that all the Preparations that are making at Dunkirk and upon the Coaſt, are for the Service of the King of Spain, his Majeſty acting only as Auxiliary to that Monarch.

LOW COUNTRIES.

Bruſſels, *March* 3. We have received no Letters from Dunkirk for ſome Days paſt, the Poſts being ſtopt; but we are otherwiſe inform'd, that fourteen Men of War are arriv'd their from Sweden, where they have been built for the Service of France.

Bruſſels, *March* 5. We hear that the French have traced out a Camp near Queſnoy, towards which ſome Troops have already begun to file off, and that Marſhal Noailles is expected upon the Frontiers in a ſhort time to command the Army that is to be formed there. 'Tis apprehended that France intends to execute ſome Deſign in this Country before we are in a Condition to oppoſe it, wherefore Orders are ſent to all the Troops, both National and Auxiliary, to be in Readineſs to march towards the Frontiers; and there is a talk of forming two Camps, one near Nivelles, and the other near Oudenarde, in order to have them ready to act as Circumſtances ſhould require.

We hear that 2000 Maſons have Orders to repair to Dunkirk the Beginning of April, to finiſh the Works which have been begun there, and to make new ones. The Freneh have reſolved amongſt other Things to re-eſtabliſh Mardyke. They have juſt cleanſed the Canal which goes from Dunkirk to Furnes.

GERMANY.

Hamburgh, *March* 3. Letters from Berlin mention a Circumſtance from whence a Judgment may be formed of the Sentiments of the King of Pruſſia, in regard to the Conduct of the Court of Verſailles. His Majeſty being at the French Theatre, and ſeeing at the time that the Curtain was drawn up the Legs of thoſe People who retired behind the Decorations of the Theatre, ſaid to my Lord Hindford, in the Preſence of the Marquiſs de Valori; *There now is ſomething which perfectly reſemble the French Miniſtry, many Legs, but no Head.*

LONDON.

Monday came an Account, that ten Tranſports, with Troops on board, and three French Men of War, were loſt in the late Storm in Dunkirk-Road, that the Crews thereof all periſh'd, and that the Troops which were on board the French Tranſports at Dunkirk were all relanded.

We hear that the Embargo at Dunkirk and the other Ports in France is taken off.

One Bomb-Ketch, three Tenders, and one Tranſport, were run on Shore the 1ſt Inſtant at Beachy-Head, and 'twas fear'd would be loſt; one of which is, it is ſaid, the Neptune, Captain Holden.

Monday came Advice by the French Mail, that the Milner, Capt. Legroſs from Virginia, for London, is taken in her Paſſage, and carried into Bilboa.

The ſame Day came Advice from Dover, that the Neptune, Capt. d'Abbadie, from Borneo and Bencoolen, is ſafely arriv'd there. She was the Ship that came from St. Helena in Company with the Grantham, lately loſt near Haſtings.

Monday was ſeiz'd by Meſſ. Horrox and Eriffe, two Officers belonging to the Cuſtom-houſe, a Ship laden with Fruit, &c. being imported contrary to the Act of Navigation. The Ship and Cargo is accounted worth near 4000 l.

Monday both Houſes of Convocation met, and adjourn'd to the 28th Inſtant.

Several Horſes are training up in the King's Mews at Charing-Croſs for War Horſes, for the Uſe of his Majeſty and the Duke of Cumberland.

We hear that Kenſington-Palace will be fitted up for the Reception of the Royal Family, who will go to reſide there this Summer.

On Sunday died Mr. John Anthony Loubier, an eminent Merchant, at his Houſe in Baſinghall-ſtreet.

We are certainly inform'd, that his Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the following general Officers to be employed in the Army now forming in England, to oppoſe any Invaſion from France, under the chief Command of his Excellency the Earl of Stair, Field Marſhal, and Commander in Chief in South Britain, viz. Lord Mark Ker, General; Charles Churchill, Sir Robert Rich, Duke of Montagu, Lieutenant Generals; —— Blackeney, James Oglethorpe, Lord Delawar, Duke of Marlborough, Edward Wolf, Anthony Lowther, Brigadiers; Brigadier Blackeney, Quarter-Maſter-General; Col. Ingram, Capt. Littleton, Lieutenant Col. Elliſon.

We hear that a great many Noblemen, and Gentlemen of good Eſtates and Intereſt in their reſpective Counties, have waited on the King at Court, and voluntarily offer'd, ſome to raiſe whole Regiments, both Horſe and Foot, at their own Expence, in the Defence of his Majeſty's Sacred Perſon, and the Rights of his Crown, againſt the French, or any other Power, who dare preſume to eſpouſe the Cauſe of a Popiſh Pretender, by invading theſe Kingdoms on that, or any other Pretence whatſoever.

We hear that his Royal Highneſs the Duke, with the Earl of Stair, will, in a few Days, go to review the Forces quarter'd in Kent, Suſſex, &c.

Laſt Saturday Dr. Silveſter was appointed Phyſician General to the Army in Flanders.

The Rev. Mr. Bayley is to ſucceed the Rev. Mr. Abbot, deceas'd, as a Prieſt in the Chapel Royal at St. James's.

The Rev. Mr. Evans is to ſucceed Mr. Bayley as one of the Choir of the aforeſaid Chapel.

And Mr. Waſs ſucceeds the Rev. Mr. Abbot (who held two Places in the Chapel Royal) as one of the Laymen in the Choir there.

The Perſon who kept the Houſe near Pimlico, who was taken up for having diſorderly Company there, is committed to Tothill-Fields Bridewell; the other ten Perſons are admitted to Bail. They uſed to hold what they call'd Mock-Maſquerades there, for which they paid One Shilling each, and this was for the Benefit of one of the Fraternity. The Company were all Men, but half of them dreſs'd in Women's Habits, and a Perſon was among them who perſonated a Clergyman, married the Couples, who had likewiſe a Room to Bed together. There was another Room, where they were accommodated with Coffee, Tea, Jellies and Sweetmeats. About a Month ago there were near two hundred Perſons at a Benefit.

The India Company's Sale is appointed by the Court of Directors to commence the 29th Inſtant.

Whitehall, March 3. The King has been pleaſed to order his Letters Mandatory for electing Dr. Thomas Cheney to be Dean of the Cathedral Church of Lincoln, in the room of the Right Rev. Father in God Dr. Edward Willes, Biſhop of Bath and Wells.

The King hath been pleaſed to grant unto Francis Walwyn, M. A. the Place and Dignity of a Canon, or Prebendary of the Metropolitical Church of Canterbury, void by the Promotion of Dr. Samuel Liſle, late Prebendary thereof, to the Biſhoprick of St. Aſaph.

The King has been pleaſed to preſent Thomas Newton, M. A. to the united Pariſhes of St. Mary le Bow, St. Pancras Soper-lane, and Alhallows Honey Lane, in the City of London, and the peculiar Juriſdiction of Canterbury, void by the Promotion of Dr. Samuel Liſle to the Biſhoprick of St. Aſaph.

Tueſday Colonel Storcken, Adjutant-Colonel to the Duke d'Aremberg, General of the Queen of Hungary's Forces in the Low Countries, arriv'd at his Lodgings in Suffolk-ſtreet, from Holland.

The Right Honourable the Lord Viſcount Lonſdale, Lord Lieutenant and Cuſtos-Rotulorum of the Counties of Weſtmoreland and Cumberland, has ſent Orders to his Deputies to have the Militia of the aforeſaid Counties ready to march on the firſt Notice.

They write from Jamaica of the 28th of December, that his Majeſty's Ship Orford, Capt. Perry Mayne, Commander, had taken a Spaniſh Ship with 8000 Pieces of Eight on board, beſides other valuable Merchandize, and carried her into Port-Royal in that Iſland.

The Cargo of the Grantham, from India, lately drove aſhore on the Kentiſh Coaſt, will be entirely loſt, the Ship being daſh'd to Pieces.

The Succeſs, Maſhiter, from London for Lancaſter, was beat to Pieces in the late Storm near Sandown-Caſtle; the People were ſav'd.

Tueſday a Boat, in which were ſome Sailors, going from Limehouſe, in order to go on board their Ship, was ſunk by an Anchor, and two of them were drown'd.

Tueſday a Man who was driving a Cart in Norris-ſtreet had the Misfortune to be thrown down and run over, and to have ſeveral Bones broke. His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales coming by in a Chair, ſtopt, and order'd him to be put into a Chair and carry'd to Hyde-Park-Hoſpital, and likewiſe gave him Money.

On Sunday Night laſt a Coachman belonging to Mr. Chapman in the Borough of Southwark, who had been driving ſome Gentlemen to Bromley in Kent, in his Return home was attack'd by two Footpads near Lewiſham Waſh, and finding no Perſons in the Chariot, pull'd him off the Box and robb'd him of fourteen Shillings, and his Silver Buckles out of his Shoes, and then made off; he luckily ſav'd his Watch by ſlipping it into the Boot of the Chariot

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General Poſt-Office, London, Feb. 8, 1743.

WHEREAS *the Poſt-Boy, going out with the Weſt Mail from this Office, was this Morning, between Five and Six o' Clock, attack'd on the Highway, at the Staling Place, on the other Side of Turnham-Green, by a ſingle Highwayman, who took the ſaid Poſt-Boy into a Field adjoining to the Road, and open'd the Mail, and carry'd off the Exeter and Plymouth Bags. The Perſon, who committed this Robbery, is a middle ſiz'd Man, and had on a blue great Coat, with his Hat tied over his Head, and he rode on a Sorrel Horſe with a white Face, about fourteen Hands high, and made off for Acton, the Oxford Road.*

This is therefore to give Notice, that whoever ſhall apprehend and convict, or cauſe to be apprehended and convicted, the Perſon who committed this Robbery, will be intitled to a Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, over and above the Reward given by Act of Parliament for apprehending of Highwaymen: Or if any Perſon or Perſons, whether Accomplice in the ſaid Robbery, or knowing thereof, ſhall make a Diſcovery, whereby the Perſon who committed the ſame may be apprehended and brought to Juſtice, ſuch Diſcoverer, or Diſcoverers, will, upon Conviction of the Party, be intitled to the ſame Reward of Two Hundred Pounds, and alſo have his Majeſty's moſt gracious Pardon.

By Command of the Poſt-Maſter General,

George Shelvocke, Secretary.

General Poſt-Office, London, Jan. 12, 1743.

WHEREAS *the Poſt-boy carrying the North Mail from Huntington to Stilton, was Yeſterday, the 11th Inſtant, about Six of the Clock in the Evening, attacked on the Highway, at a Place call'd Standgate Hole, by a ſingle Highwayman, who preſented a Piſtol to the Poſt-boy's Breaſt, and carried off the following Bags, viz. Durham, Hull, Boſton, Falkingham, Lincoln, Horncaſtle, Louth, Spalding, Stamford, Bourn, and Peterborough. The Perſon who committed this Robbery is a luſty Man, and had on a large dark Frock over his Coat, his Face was cover'd with Black, and he rode on a dark Sorrel Horſe with a white Face, and made off for the Biggleſwade Road.*

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